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Navigator charged in ferry deaths

No one else to face charges in 2006 sinking of The Queen Of The North, says court spokesman

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The navigating officer on a B.C. Ferries vessel that crashed and sank off B.C.'s North Coast in 2006 was charged yesterday in the deaths of two passengers.

Karl-Heinz Lilgert was charged in Provincial Court in Vancouver with two counts of criminal negligence causing the deaths of Gerald Foisy and Shirley Rosette in the sinking of The Queen Of The North.

The vessel, which travelled the North Coast route between Prince Rupert and Port Hardy, struck Gil Island in the early morning of March 22, 2006 and sank 80 minutes later in waters more than 400 metres deep.

Ninety-nine of 101 crew and passengers scrambled onto lifeboats. The bodies of Foisy, 46, and Rosette, 42, of 100 Mile House, have never been recovered.

Criminal Justice Branch spokesman Neil MacKenzie said in a statement that Lilgert was "charged on the basis that he was the navigating officer responsible for steering of the vessel at the time of the incident.

"The available evidence does not support the laying of charges against anyone other than Mr. Lilgert," MacKenzie said.

Two inquiries, one by B.C. Ferries and one by the Transportation Safety Board, have blamed human error for the sinking. Neither fully explained what happened during the final 14 minutes before the vessel struck Gil Island.

Lilgert's next scheduled court appearance is April 14.

Woods coming back to golf at Masters

SPORTS Tiger Woods said yesterday he will return to golf next month at the Masters, ending a four-month hiatus brought on by a sex scandal that shattered his image.

"The Masters is where I won my first major and I view this tournament with great respect," Woods said in a statement. "After a long and necessary time away from the game, I feel like I'm ready to start my season at Augusta."

Woods has not competed since Nov. 15 when he won the Australian Masters for his 82nd victory worldwide. Twelve days later, he crashed his car into a tree outside his Florida home, setting off shocking revelations that he had been cheating on his wife.

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René Fasel, left, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, VANOC CEO John Furlong and Hockey Canada president Bob Nicholson, right, at GM Place yesterday, hold pucks used during overtime of the men's gold-medal final.

Crosby's golden puck now in Hall of Fame

OLYMPICS The Finnish linesman who snagged the puck after Sidney Crosby's Olympic golden goal took it home "to protect it," the president of Hockey Canada said yesterday after the puck was added to Canada's Hockey Hall of Fame.

Sidney Crosby swatted the puck past U.S. goaltender Ryan Miller in overtime to win the final game 3-2 and capture Canada's 14th gold of the Winter Olympics.

Officials lost track of the puck in the hullabaloo that followed.

Last week, however, it was handed over to the International Ice Hockey Federation in Zurich.

"The video from inside the facility clearly showed the Finnish linesman going in and getting the puck from the net," said Bob Nicholson yesterday.

"When they contacted him, he had it in his referee's shirt."

The puck, which will be kept in Toronto, will be carted out and displayed in various Canadian cities. The organizing committee will auction off four other pucks that were also used during the brief overtime period.

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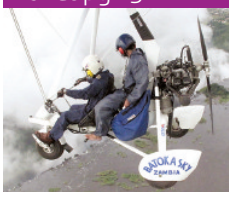

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Spaghetti Factory to offer cheap eats

The Old Spaghetti Factory in Gastown is celebrating its 40th birthday — and more than 2.1 million meatballs sold — this Monday. To mark the occasion, the restaurant will offer its dishes at 1970s menu prices with entrees starting at $1.75 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. that day. All proceeds will go toward supporting the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund.

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News in brief

SUSPECT The Vancouver Police Department is asking for the public's help identifying a man believed to have robbed seven banks in Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond between Nov. 20 and March 13. He usually wears sunglasses, a hat or toque, and a dark leather jacket.

TENT CITY Homeless people living in a temporary tent city in an empty lot on West Hastings Street have to be out by noon today. The Carnegie Community Action Project wants Concord Pacific to donate the site, which is slated for development, to the city for social housing.

DENIED A Kamloops woman who in 1997 set her two young children on fire, killing her daughter, continues to deny she set the blaze. A parole board refused Donna Hysop's request for day parole, saying she would pose too great a risk to the community if released.

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New year **Cleansing fires**

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A man jumps over a fire during a festival at Ambleside Park last night, ahead of the Persian new year, which falls on the vernal equinox — usually March 21. According to tradition, it's purifying to jump over a fire on the night before the last Wednesday of the year.

Homeless man arrested after assault

BEATING A 43-year-old homeless man was arrested after an elderly man was beaten outside the washroom at a Downtown Eastside pub.

The 81-year-old victim was helped by other patrons at the Savoy Pub Monday afternoon after a man hit him repeatedly with a glass beer mug over the head.

The suspect was held until police arrived. The victim was taken to hospital, where doctors stitched up three large gashes on his head.

Jose Manuel Rivas Penate made a court appearance yesterday to face charges of assault with a weapon.

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SPCA seeks charges

3 giraffes have died at Langley zoo since December

STIG NIELSEN
for Metro Vancouver

The B.C. SPCA recommended yesterday that criminal and animal-cruelty charges be laid against a private zoo in Langley where three giraffes have died since December.

In the latest case, a nine-year-old Masai giraffe named Jerome died in February after being sedated so workers could trim its painful, overgrown hooves, said Marcie Moriarty, general manager of animal-cruelty investigations.

"Instead of having the proper equipment on site, namely a squease, and instead of training the giraffes to enter a squease and getting their feet trimmed on a semi-regular basis, they permitted Jerome to live in that condition," said Moriarty.

When the hooves became large and so painful that the giraffe couldn't walk correctly, the "risky sedation procedure" was attempted, Moriarty said.

The B.C. SPCA began investigating the 250-acre Mountain View Conservation Centre in late November after receiving complaints about alleged abuse of the animals from former staff members.

Moriarty said she hopes the charges will be accepted by the Crown within the next few weeks.

"We feel it is not acceptable for facilities that take on the responsibility of housing these animals to not look after them."

Two other giraffes died at the park in December during an early winter cold snap.

VANOC preparing to sell assets

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DISSOLUTION With the close of the Paralympics on Sunday, organizers will begin the task of dissolving VANOC and the sale of its assets.

VANOC CEO John Furlong said the organizing committee hopes to make more than $10 million, but did not have an exact amount immediately available.

"We're talking about everything in the company — chairs, desks, everything we have that has a value," Furlong said yesterday.

"Come this Monday, we'll be basically tearing down ... everything that has a value. We will try to retrieve something for it so that we can leave a positive financial legacy."

Talking with organizers of the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, Furlong said they were astounded at the demand for everything with an Olympic mark on it.

Furlong said the success of the Games should attract more interest.

In February, CTV reported that VANOC was looking to sell about 15,000 pieces of furniture. The sale would commence in April.

Up for grabs

- Richmond announced it was selling the massive fence wrap from the Olympic Oval. Sections, measuring 40 feet by eight feet, will be sold for $300.
- Olympic street banners from Richmond will also be sold, ranging from $150 to $250 a pair.

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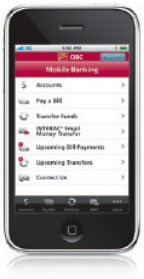

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Northern House unveils Inuit doll display

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Nobel nom for Net a reminder: Professor

UBC expert says it can create a better society

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The Internet has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, a move that, while controversial, serves to remind people that the web has the potential to create a better society, says a local journalism professor.

The nomination was made by Italy's version of Wired Magazine, which credited the web's contributions to "dialogue, debate and consensus through communication."

Alfred Hermida, a journalism professor at the University of B.C. with an interest in new media, said the Internet has created a platform for citizen journalism and provides both "now information" and an incredible archive.

"We're getting information not just from Metro, CBC or the Globe (and Mail) but from blogs ... YouTube and Twitter."

He said the web helps expose issues that would otherwise have been kept a secret.

Thousands of Iranians used Twitter to spread word about riots in Tehran and Facebook to unite Persians around the world in a form of online protest last summer. A YouTube video of a young Iranian woman being shot to death in the street galvanized sympathizers and exposed a reality that may otherwise have been censored.

Internet for good:

- Haiti fundraising relief
- Voice for minority groups
- Increased access to information

Internet for bad:

- Child pornography
- Websites that teach people how to build bombs
- Blogs that perpetuate hate

"We have seen examples where it is having positive impacts, but I'd qualify it by saying that at the same time this is a technology we can use for negative," Hermida said.

He pointed out that radio is not typically seen as a weapon, but during the Rwandan conflict it was used to encourage genocide.

While the Internet was used to facilitate citizen journalism and organize protests during the Iranian conflict, it was also used by that country's government to identify and threaten detractors.

Richard Smith, a professor at Simon Fraser University and an expert on social media, said that Wired Magazine, while well intentioned, is attributing intentionality to a device with none.

"The problem with this is that it kind of means the prize," he said.

"The Internet — while useful for peaceful purposes — could also be misused for war. After all, the U.S. Department of Defence Advanced Research Projects was the source original funding and support for the Internet research."

Nominees are...

- The Internet is up against a record 236 nominees including Russian human rights group Memorial and the International Space Station.
- The winner is usually announced in mid-October.
- Barack Obama won the prize last year, a controversial decision given that he had only been in office for two months before being nominated.
- A petition circulated the Internet last year to nominate Michael Jackson for the 2010 Prize.

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PROWLER WARNING RCMP in Ridge Meadows are warning the public about a prowler who has been caught exposing himself to people during the day on at least five occasions. The suspect is believed to have also broken into several homes while the residents were inside. Nothing was taken during the break-ins.

STABBING A Penticton man was rescued from his home yesterday and taken to hospital with a deep stab wound to the chest and a cut on his arm. The man's common-law wife was arrested.

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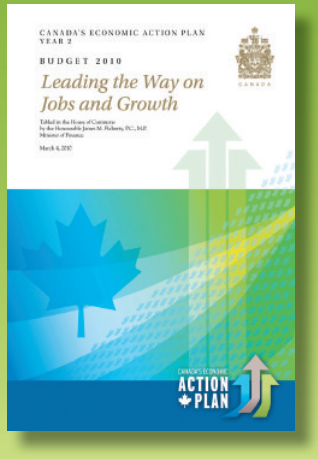

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CTV to televise Paralympics closer nationwide

CTV announced yesterday it will televise live coverage of the closing ceremony from the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games across Canada on Sunday. The network was criticized for broadcasting the opening ceremony live in B.C. only. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Officials get word out on HPV vaccine

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HEALTH B.C. public health officials are trying to ramp up education efforts for parents worried about the HPV vaccine given to their daughters.

British Columbia's HPV vaccination rate is 62 per cent, far below the B.C. Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) goal of mid to high 80s.

Gina Ogilvie, associate medical director for the BCCDC, said some parents are hesitant to allow their daughters to be vaccinated because they have questions regarding the vaccination's safety.

"We're just letting everyone know that (family physicians) are an important place for them to get information."
Gina Ogilvie, associate medical director, BCCDC

"We're just letting everyone know that (family physicians) are an important place for them to get information," said Ogilvie. "And we'll be making sure family physicians have lots of information about the vaccine as well."

The vaccine is being offered in schools for girls in grades 6 and 9. It protects against four strains of the HPV virus that cause 70 per cent of all cervical cancers.

RCMP mulls laying charges in avalanche

The RCMP is investigating whether criminal charges should be laid in a deadly avalanche near Revelstoke that they say was triggered by snowmobilers.

A 10-person team from the major-crimes unit is looking into the events surrounding the slide on Boulder Mountain and trying to determine who organized the unsanctioned Big Iron Shoot-Out.

Kurtis Reynolds and Shay Snortland — two 33-year-old Alberta men — were killed and 31 others hurt Saturday when a wall of snow came down on about 200 people.

An avalanche warning had been in effect for the area when three daredevil sledders apparently began competing to see who could race highest up the mountain in a competition called high-marking.

"The aim of the investigation is to look at all the current information and gather up all information related to the incident," RCMP Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said yesterday.

"There's deaths involved ... now they (investigators) have the responsibility to see if there are any elements of any offences."

Moskaluk says police will recommend criminal charges to Crown counsel if they have enough evidence.

Given the unique circumstances, Moskaluk expects the investigation to be long and complex.

"We're looking to speak with a variety of persons ranging from witnesses, participants to if there was an organizing body to this."

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New restaurant comes to English Bay

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RENOVATION The Cactus Club is giving the concession stand at English Bay a facelift.

Construction is expected to begin later this year on a restaurant near the old bathhouse at the foot of Davie Street near Beach Avenue that will provide 79 indoor seats, 70 outdoors and 48 at a concession stand off to the side.

While it'll be owned and operated by the Cactus Club, the restaurant is expected to have a different name.

"The restaurant will not be on the beach," said Aaron Jasper, chair of the Park Board. "It will be set back up the hill up to the road. There's a lot of glass (and it won't) obstruct views. It fits well into the neighbourhood."

Jasper said the Cactus Club will cover the cost of construction, pay $240,000 in rent to the Park Board and four per cent on any revenues of more than $4 million.

"Some folks have been concerned about the commercialization of the beaches but we have relationships with other restaurants and this isn't something new," Jasper said. "The bonus is also we get revenues that we get to put back into the very services that we provide."

The restaurant is expected to be open for business mid-summer of 2011.

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ACTION PLAN The province is investing an additional $250,000 into its domestic violence action plan, Solicitor General Kash Heed announced.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT Jody Williams, the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize winner, is the keynote speaker at West Coast LEAF's 23rd annual equality breakfast on Friday.

ARREST Kelowna Mounties say they have arrested a 28-year-old alleged member of the Red Scorpions gang.

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NDP leader seeking limits on prorogation powers 7

Jack Layton will introduce a motion today that the prime minister shall not prorogue Parliament for longer than seven days without the consent of a majority of MPs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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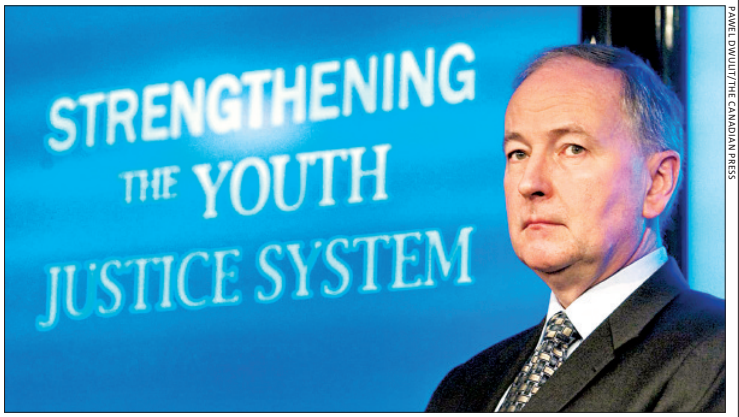

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Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson listens to other speakers after making an announcement regarding an amendment to the Youth Criminal Justice Act in Ottawa yesterday.

Tories want tougher youth crime rules

The Tory government wants to tighten the Youth Criminal Justice Act to give judges more power to consider "denunciation and deterrence" when sentencing violent offenders.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson also wants to be able to charge and sentence youths with violent criminal acts when they engage in reckless behaviour — such as a car chase — that endangers the public but doesn't actually injure anyone.

"This legislation will simplify the rules to keep these offenders off the streets when necessary to protect society," Nicholson said at a news conference yesterday, flanked by the mothers of two youths who died at the hands of young offenders.

"In the handling of other violent and repeat young offenders, the court often lacks the tools necessary to impose appropriate sentences," said Nicholson. He cited the example of young offender who "demonstrates repeat criminal behaviour, or a casual attitude to the law, or a complete lack of empathy for his or her victim."

Liberals and the Bloc Quebecois immediately denounced the changes as a regressive move toward retribution in the justice system, as opposed to rehabilitation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Raising seal quotas 'a little stupid': Fisherman

HUNT A fisherman from Newfoundland and Labrador with more than 50 years of experience hunting seals says there's no sense in raising the allowable catch until market conditions improve.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans announced Monday it's raising the quota for this year's East Coast hunt by 50,000 harp seals.

But Jack Troake, a veteran sealer from Twillingate, said the gesture "sounds a little stupid," given a market where seals only fetch about $15 each — a steep drop from the record $105 per pelt in 2006. He added said fishermen had trouble meeting quotas when they were pocketing $100 a seal.

Seal hunt opponents said upping the quota is one in a series of political stunts that began last May when Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean sampled a slice of raw seal heart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No seal? No booze

- French wine and British beer will no longer be stocked by Nunavut's government-run liquor stores after a motion banning booze from Europe passed the legislature last week. Fred Schell, who came up with the motion, says it's a symbolic way of responding to the European Union's ban on seal products.

News in brief

ISRAEL Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon is taking a harder line against Israel's decision to build settlements in East Jerusalem and now says he condemns the plan. That's the strongest language to date by a Conservative cabinet minister against Israel, coming in response to an Israeli plan to build 1,600 apartments in a Jewish neighbourhood.

BURQA Women wearing religious face-coverings aren't entitled to special treatment when receiving certain government services, the Quebec human rights commission said in a report likely to bolster attempts to curb religious accommodations in the province. The commission declared that women wearing niqabs or burqas have no right to demand to be identified by female health-care workers.

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U.S. warns against travel to Haiti

The U.S. State Department is expanding its warning against travel to Haiti, saying that four Americans have been killed since the Jan. 12 earthquake. It comes a week after two European aid workers were kidnapped and held for five days before being released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Proposal turns to shark prey

China, Japan and Russia have helped defeat a proposal at a UN wildlife meeting that would have boosted conservation efforts for sharks. The nonbinding measure called for increased transparency in the shark trade and more research into the threat posed to sharks by illegal fishing. It had been expected to pass easily, but the U.S., the European Union and other supporters couldn't muster the two-thirds majority needed in yesterday's vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jogger killed by plane

Wrong place, wrong time as aircraft crash-lands on beach

A father of two on business in Hilton Head, S.C., was jogging on the beach and listening to his iPod when he was hit from behind and killed by a small plane making an emergency landing, officials said yesterday.

Robert Gary Jones, 38, of Georgia, died instantly Monday evening when he was hit by the single-engine plane, which had lost its propeller, said Beaufort County Coroner Ed Allen. The pilot's vision was blocked by oil on the windshield.

The coroner said Jones apparently did not see or hear the plane, which was "basically gliding."

His mother, Pauline Jones, said yesterday that he was in Hilton Head for work but was supposed to fly home to suburban Atlanta today for his daughter's third birthday.

Federal Aviation Administration records show the experimental Lancair IV-P plane that hit Robert Jones was registered to Edward I. Smith of Virginia.

Smith was on the beach with his plane yesterday and confirmed he was the pilot.

He said he did not want to talk about the crash and offered few details.

"I've got a lot of issues going on right now. I've got a plane that's all torn up. And I've got a young man that I killed," he said.

The plane started leaking oil at about 4,000 metres and tried originally to make it to Hilton Head Airport, said fire and rescue spokeswoman Joheida Fister.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating.

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Bloody, but not violent, protest

THAILAND Thai protesters seeking a change of government turned to shock tactics yesterday, pouring litres of their own blood into a glistening puddle at the gate of the prime minister's office. The dramatic gesture, repeated in front of the headquarters of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiava's Democrat Party, grabbed attention, but put the "Red Shirt" protest movement no closer to its goal of forcing new elections.

Thousands of Red Shirts formed long lines yesterday to have their blood drawn by nurses.

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Protesters hold a bottle of donated blood before spilling it in front of Thailand's Government House yesterday in Bangkok.

News in brief

MIDDLE EAST Hundreds of Palestinians in east Jerusalem set tires and garbage bins ablaze yesterday and hurled rocks at Israeli riot police, who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas. The heaviest clashes in months broke out as an American envoy abruptly cancelled a visit, deepening a U.S.-Israeli diplomatic feud. The dispute with the U.S. was sparked by Israel's announcement of plans for 1,600 apartments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The 33-year-old Swiss man was fleeing an apartment fire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kidnapped boy freed in Pakistan

Kidnappers released a five-year-old British boy unharmed yesterday, almost two weeks after abducting him from his grandparents' house in central Pakistan, officials said.

A senior provincial official said a ransom was paid for the freedom of Sahil Saeed, but he did not identify who abducted the boy and received the money.

Saeed was found in a small village in Punjab province, some 30 kilometres southeast of Jhelum city, where armed robbers seized him on March 4, said Interior Minister Rehman Malik.

Senior police official Mohammad Aslam Tareen told reporters that the British High Commission now has custody of the boy and has been communicating with his parents.

British High Commissioner Adam Thomson expressed relief the boy had been found and thanked Pakistani authorities for their co-operation in the search.

"This is fantastic news that brings to an end the traumatic ordeal faced by Sahil and his family," Thomson said in a statement.

The boy was examined by a doctor, who said he looked "healthy and happy."

Malik did not reveal the identity of the kidnappers, but said someone from the family was involved in the abduction, echoing a charge made by several other Pakistani officials.

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Quake leaves 700 dead in Chile

TRAGEDY The earthquake and tsunami that struck Chile last month killed 700 people and caused damages of nearly $30 billion, according to the government. And the ground hasn't stopped shaking.

Chile's Interior Minister updated the known death and damage toll yesterday, saying 200 people previously listed as missing would be added to the count of 500 previously known dead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death **World's shortest man, 21**

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He Pingping — seen in this January file photo with the world's tallest man — has died after developing chest problems. Pingping, who was 2 feet, 5.37 inches tall, died in Rome Saturday.

News in brief

ABUSE Roman Catholic bishops in Pope Benedict XVI's native Bavaria are attempting to deal with a sexual abuse scandal which has left church leaders baffled. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Feeling blue over the Planet Earth

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What's 12 feet tall and blue all over? If you've seen the movie Avatar — and who hasn't? — you'll know the answer to that question is the Na'vi, the incredibly cool, nearly naked aliens with cornrows and braids who live on the incredibly cool, beautiful planet known as Pandora, all threatened by the techno-military-industrial (and little) bad guys from Earth, who lust for a metaphorical mineral called "unobtanium."

That's us, folks.

People have begun to notice a strange thing when they take off their 3-D glasses and re-enter the real world after a two-hour 40-minute exposure to Pandora. This beautiful place, inhabited by intelligent (and really tall) beings who have a direct link to Aywa, a.k.a. Mother Nature, is so vividly drawn that the planet we actually live on, Earth, seems like a giant slum.

Moviegoers are pouring their hearts out on blogs and chat rooms, all mourning the loss of Eden, er Earth, wishing they were cool and connected like the Na'vi.

There's at least one group that's not lying around in a Pandora-induced coma. The Ancient Forest Alliance, based in Victoria, gets Avatar and understands its value in spawning a whole new generation of Na'vi-loving environmentalists. Not daunted by the anti-global warming backlash, the alliance has picked a likely forest near Port Renfrew and dubbed it "Avatar Grove."

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Sounds so much better than Tree Farm Licence No. 46.

We dare you, says the alliance, to clear-cut this little slice of Pandora on Earth. If I'm the Teal-Jones Group, which owns the licence, I'd send my PR department to the movie to take notes. Can you imagine Hollywood actresses in cornrows chained to trees, weeping for Avatar Grove? The Ancient Forest Alliance can.

It's entirely possible the Last Battle for the Planet Earth will be played out in Canada. After all, James Cameron, Avatar's creator, is Canadian; his art director studied the Athabasca oilsands project for its lurid images of environmental destruction.

And British Columbia is one of the last Pandora-like preserves on Earth. Its ancient forests (sounds better than old growth, no?) protect 1,600 species at risk and 60 per cent of the nation's evergreen trees.

Even the Port Renfrew Chamber of Commerce, once a bastion of hewers of wood, now believes the best bet for the future is to save Avatar Grove for the tourists. If you loved the movie, stay tuned for the sequel — it's coming soon to an ancient forest near you.

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Word on the street: How do you like to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

Adele Augustowich
Vancouver
A: I don't really celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I have been in school for the past four years, so it's not really something I have done. I need to save money, and I would rather stay in with a bottle of wine.

Kevin Mak
Vancouver
A: I typically don't celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but if I do I will be at a bar with all my friends drinking the green beer. But I really don't have a real reason (to celebrate St. Patrick's Day).

Emily Jacob
Vernon
A: (I like to) drink. Usually I drink at a house party somewhere. (I will drink) anything like vodka. I like to drink green vodka.

Michael Machan
Edmonton
A: I like to get together with friends and family and just go out and celebrate. Sit down, have a few drinks and just enjoy it.

Emma Tuck
Calgary
A: I went on a pub crawl and wore green tights with a green fanny pack. It was awesome.

Phil Alba
Visiting Ottawa
A: Green beer, good friends and a bottle of Advil for the next day.

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Pacific Rim Mining deepens its loss

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Toyota recall could cost $2B

A massive global recall, mounting legal bills and a battered reputation add up to a very expensive problem for Toyota.

How expensive? Depends who you ask.

With new developments emerging almost daily, predicting a final pricetag for the Japanese automaker is a calculation that only some analysts have attempted.

The sole figure from Toyota itself came on Feb. 4 along with the company's October-December earnings results.

It estimated that the worldwide recall, now involving some 8.5 million cars, could cost up to 180 billion yen ($2.02 billion), with 100 billion yen for repairs and 80 billion yen in lost sales. It said the recalls may dent global demand for Toyota models by 100,000 vehicles.

Analysts with their own estimates say the total is bound to climb higher.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

WestJet will continue push to new markets

AIRLINE WestJet Airlines Ltd. will continue to press into international markets through deals with other carriers, the company's new incoming chief executive, Gregg Saretsky, said yesterday.

The Calgary-based discount airline already has plans to roll out deals with Air France, KLM and Southwest Airlines. Building on that, WestJet wants to see traffic from Asia, South America and elsewhere in Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Aston Villa beats Wigan

England midfielder James Milner scored to give Aston Villa a 2-1 win over Wigan and increase his team's chances of finishing in the English Premier League top four. Villa stayed in seventh place but victory kept it within three points of Tottenham, which occupies the last Champions League spot, with a game in hand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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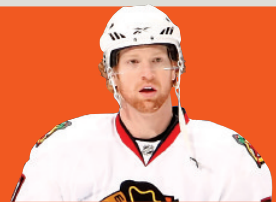

Campbell out 7-8 weeks

Chicago Blackhawks defenceman Brian Campbell, left, is expected to miss seven to eight weeks with collarbone and rib fractures suffered when he was hit from behind by Alex Ovechkin. Dr. Michael Terry, the head team physician for the Blackhawks, said in a statement yesterday that Campbell will likely avoid surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Jose Mourinho engineered a 1-0 win for Inter Milan on his return to Chelsea yesterday, leading the Italian club to the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time in four years. CSKA Moscow reached the quarter-finals for the first time after beating Sevilla 2-1.

SKATING Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette has been cleared to perform a tribute to her late mother in Friday's made-for-TV exhibition Thin Ice. Her plan to skate in the ABC show appeared in jeopardy after she withdrew from the upcoming world championships Monday. International Skating Union rules state an athlete can't choose an exhibition performance over an ISU-sanctioned event, but an exception was made in this case.

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Tavares leads Isles in upset

NHL RESULTS

Canucks 2 Islanders 5

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John Tavares scored two goals and added three assists as the New York Islanders upset the Vancouver Canucks 5-2 yesterday night.

Tavares, 19, the first overall selection in last year's NHL draft, broke out of a prolonged scoring slump in a big way as he recorded his best game as a pro. The five-point night came after Tavares, considered a strong rookie of the year candidate in the season's early going, had produced just nine points in his previous 37 games and only one goal in 22 contests.

Fellow rookie Dylan Reese, with his first NHL career goal, Matt Moulson and Freddy Meyer also scored for the Islanders (29-32-9), as they posted their third-straight victory before a shocked and disappointed sell-out crowd of 18,810 at General Motors Place.

New York ended Vancouver's home winning streak at seven games.

Kyle Wellwood and Alex Burrows replied for the Canucks (43-24-3) with goals two minutes apart in the second period.

While Tavares, the youngest player on the ice yesterday, was scoring or setting up goals, the oldest was preventing them. New York's 40-year-old goaltender Dwayne Roloson recorded 35 saves.

On the other hand, Vancouver goaltender Roberto Luongo, who has struggled since he backstopped Canada to an Olympic gold medal, was pulled after a second period in which he allowed two goals on only four shots. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo stops New York Islander John Tavares during second-period NHL action in Vancouver yesterday.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff surges past Winthrop in NCAA opener

SOC Smiling Arkansas-Pine Bluff players plopped into the black folding chairs at courtside and checked their cellphones for congratulatory messages before heading out the arena door to get on yet another bus.

Finally, the Golden Lions had found a road trip to their liking.

Allen Smith scored 14 points yesterday night, including a pair of three-pointers, during the Golden Lions' second-half surge to a 61-44 victory over Winthrop in the NCAA tournament's opening game.

The Golden Lions (18-15) will play Duke, the No. 1 seed in the South Regional, on Friday in Jacksonville, Fla. — a place they somehow missed during a season-opening jaunt that nearly did them in.

The Golden Eagles spent the first two months playing some of the country's best teams on the road, going everywhere and getting nowhere. They dropped their first 11 games — all on the road — losing at schools such as Texas-El Paso, Michigan, Oklahoma State, Georgia Tech, Missouri, Kansas State and Oregon.

"We think it brought them together," coach George Ivory said. "You've got to stay together on the road. You get to know each other better. You go through some bumps and bruises on the road, playing in some pretty tough places." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sumi takes the spotlight
As the Olympic flame faded to black, two of the best-known faces of the 2010 Winter Games quietly faded away with it. Mascots Quatchi and Miga were retired and now, it's Sumi's time to shine. Part orca whale, thunderbird and black bear, Sumi is the official mascot of the Paralympic Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paralympic Games

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Canada's Viviane Forest, left, holds onto guide Lindsay Debou following their second run in the women's giant slalom visually impaired event. Forest won the bronze despite an earlier injury.

Pain turns to pleasure for Canadian medallist

It's a bronze medal with a golden glow for Viviane Forest.

Skiing with a badly pulled groin, Forest finished third in the women's giant slalom for the visually impaired yesterday.

She collapsed at the finish and lay still in the snow for several minutes after earning her second medal of the Games. Her guide, Lindsay Debou, had to assist the Edmonton resident to a tent to receive medical attention.

"Going through all that pain was very difficult," Forest said. "You had to block your brain and block your body.

"That bronze medal means gold to me. I am so happy about it."

Forest smiled when asked how sore she was.

"From one to 10? I will give it an eight."

In her first run, Forest aggravated a groin injury she suffered a couple of weeks ago.

Jean-Francois Rapatel, the alpine team leader, called Forest "one tough cookie."

"She did an unbelievable job considering the circumstances," said Rapatel.

Forest, 30, also won a silver in Sunday's slalom.

Chris Williamson of Markham, Ont., and his guide Nick Brush of Kelowna, B.C., were fourth, just .40 of a second off the podium. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian curling team beats Switzerland in 6 ends

BLOWOUT Canada's wheelchair curling team thrashed Team Switzerland 15-1 yesterday in a game that only took six ends.

Canada looks to clinch a spot in the medal round today when they play teams from Germany and South Korea.

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General Motors has announced the 2011 Corvette Z06 Carbon Limited Edition, which will go on sale this summer.

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Chevy Volt charges ahead

No surprises in GM's electric car and that's a good thing

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

While there's still more than a year to go before its scheduled launch, Chevrolet's Volt is getting closer. From a concept unveiled in early 2007, it's now a model that starts, stops and drives – and I got the chance to do that in Vancouver.

I went less than 20 kilometres at low speeds, but notably, it was what automakers call an "integration vehicle," the first time the technology and design have come together. This isn't exactly what will go on sale, but final changes will probably be minor.

While it has a gasoline engine, electric motor and lithium-ion battery, Volt isn't a hybrid.

Rather, it's an extended-range vehicle that always uses electricity to power the wheels. After it's recharged by plugging into a wall outlet, it travels about 64 km.

Once the battery runs down, a 1.4-litre gasoline engine starts up and acts like a generator to supply more electricity.

That's a major difference from an all-electric car, which won't travel any further once its battery is depleted.

Volt was designed to the 64-km threshold because, as GM says, 75 per cent of Canadians drive less than that each day. In theory, many Volt owners will never burn any gasoline, other than the occasional start-up programmed into the engine to keep its fluids flowing.

While the Chevy Volt has a gasoline engine, electric motor and lithium-ion battery, Volt isn't a hybrid. Rather, it's an extended-range vehicle that always uses electricity to power the wheels.

Driving it is unremarkable, and I mean that as a compliment.

It doesn't feel much different than a conventional car, which should appeal to many buyers: No learning curve, no unusual requirements, and nothing unfamiliar. Press a button, put the shifter into drive, and put your foot on the accelerator pedal.

It feels peppy, and has a "Sport" button that adds a turbo-like power boost for hills and highway passing. Regenerative braking and deceleration put some charge back into the battery, and if desired, a special setting increases the threshold, with a sensation similar to downshifting a stick shift (powered solely by its electric motor, Volt doesn't have a transmission).

2011 Chevrolet Volt

Type: Extended-range electric sedan
Price: NA
Engine: Battery/1.4L gasoline

Highlights

- Drives like a normal sedan; no learning curve
- Sport button adds turbo-like boost

The brakes feel conventional and, within the limitations of my short test-drive, the steering seems equally normal. Overall, it isn't much different than driving a Cobalt.

Price will be paramount, but GM's mum on that until it gets closer to market. Guesstimates predict it'll be relatively expensive, with much of the cost in the battery.

Time will tell, but just as hybrids came within reach of most buyers, Volt and other electric vehicles may be poised to become just as common on our roads.

Audi RS 5

Audi RS 5 carries on Quattro

NEW MODEL Thirty years after the original Audi quattro, the new Audi RS 5 Coupe, which debuted at the recent Geneva auto show, has done it proud with a combination of high-revving V8 power, super fast S tronic twin-clutch gear shifting and a new evolution of the world famous all-wheel-drive system featuring the latest differential technology.

Developed by Audi high performance engineering and styling subsidiary quattro GmbH, the RS 5 is the latest in a lineage dating back over 15 years to the RS 2 Avant.

It features the V10 FSI engine that provides the technological basis for the new hand-built, high-revving 4.2-litre V8 FSI engine that spins freely to 8,250 rpm, and delivers its 440 hp peak output at this high point.

It accelerates from 0-100 km/h in 4.6 seconds and to an electronically governed 155 mph top speed.

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Homes wired for electric station

U.S. homebuilding company KB Home will begin offering an option to pre-wire new houses to accommodate charging stations for electric vehicles. The new option is designed to ease the future installation of a station to charge an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle conveniently at home. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lincoln MKT gets NHTSA safety nod

RATING The 2010 Lincoln MKT has earned top ratings for frontal and side-impact crash tests conducted from the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Lincoln's three-row luxury crossover previously earned a 2009 Top Safety Pick award from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

The MKT features Ford's Trinity Front Crash Body Architecture as well as Side Protection And Cabin Enhancement Architecture to optimize side-impact occupant protection.

Also available is Ford's Personal Safety System, which combines combining multiple technologies to tailor the air bag package and safety belt functions to the individual passenger and the accident circumstances.

The system can identify variables, such as severity of the crash, weight of the individual passenger and safety belt usage, to adjust air bag deployment force.

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A 2006 Chrysler Pacifica. The Pacifica was one of the first crossover SUV models on the market when it launched in 2004.

Pacifica big on security

Shoppers will benefit from slightly below-average resale values

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
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MODEL: 2004 to 2007 Chrysler Pacifica
MODEL: Crossover SUV
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $8,500 to $21,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The Chrysler Pacifica was one of the first crossover SUV models on the market when it launched as a 2004 model.

Crossovers have largely taken over the family-hauling market today, but the Pacifica was one of the pioneering vehicles that helped pave the way.

Pacifica sought to deliver comfortable travels for families, all-season capability, and a healthy taste of American luxury. Features included heated leather, dual-zone climate control, a sunroof, a 200-watt Infinity stereo system and more.

Are you big on security? Pacifica shipped with ABS brakes, an alarm system and tire pressure monitoring — depending on the year and trim-level in question.

In addition, Pacifica offered a flexible and reconfigurable cabin with room for up to six people and their gear.

Many owners say their Pacifica is switched with no issue between use for sports, travel to social events, or as a grocery and gear hauler.

Second Gear

Look for a standard V6 engine on all models. A 3.5 litre unit made 250 horsepower and came with a four-speed "AutoStick" automatic transmission. A 3.8 litre V6 engine was available, as was a torquey four-litre V6 and six-speed automatic combination that became available towards the end of Pacifica's life.

All Wheel Drive (AWD) was on board selected models, too.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Pacifica owners tended to rate comfort, performance, driving dynamics and styling the most highly. Flexibility and versatility for virtually any chore were highly appreciated, too. Finally, many owners say they enjoy a "safe and solid" feel when driving.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Pacifica owner complaints typically centre around fuel consumption. If you don't need the added traction of all wheel drive, opting for a Pacifica without it can help save fuel.

COMMON ISSUES: On a test-drive, kill the stereo and both listen to and "feel" the Pacifica's front end. Listen closely for any metallic clunking, popping or grinding sounds as you drive the vehicle over bumps or uneven surfaces. If you hear any, the model you're considering is probably due for some front-end work.

Pop the hood and have a listen to the engine start up from cold. Loud or abnormal ticking sounds from the top of the engine could indicate a known problem with valves on certain models.

If you're concerned or unsure about the sound, be sure to ask a mechanic to have a look.

You'll also want to ensure the transmission shifts smoothly on any model, noting any roughness or hesitation during gear changes. Transmission glitches tended to be of the electronic variety, which are relatively simple to fix.

Finally, ensure the Pacifica you're considering has had all required recall work carried out to correct any safety-related issues.

THE VERDICT: Pacifica shoppers will benefit from slightly below-average resale values, but they should shop carefully due to slightly below-average reliability. A dealer-certified used model with some warranty remaining is probably your best bet here.

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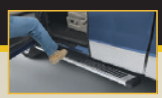

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Brand loyalty for Hyundai has surpassed that of Honda and Toyota, taking the number one spot among car shoppers, according to Kelley Blue Book. In addition, Hyundai values have been outperforming the car segment average. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Smartphone way to buy used

A wise sage once opined that, "Knowledge is Power." This prompted another sage to suggest that such power is best used to make other people feel stupid.

True enough.

But perhaps you're in the market for a used car. In that case, you're probably more interested in obtaining knowledge, to transform yourself into a powerful super hero, one able to leap into a great used vehicle, at a really great price, all in a single bound.

We now have a new Canadian company, vehiclegateway.com, to help us bulk up on used-vehicle expertise and muscle — and through our cellphones no less.

But company spokesperson, Peter Davies, told me not to think of it as an app.

"In my opinion it's superior to an app," said Davies. "It requires no downloading. All you have to do is go to vehiclegateway.com on your Blackberry, iPhone, or any phone with browser capability, and you are presented with a 'mobile' version of the site."

Vehiclegateway.com is similar to sites like AutoTrader and Autonet, which offer lots of vehicles for sale, from both dealers and private sellers.

But vehiclegateway.com will differentiate itself from the pack, says Davies, by being the first to combine several crucial elements, such as: cellphone accessibility; free listings for private sellers; an increased level of information on each specific vehicle; a special section devoted to vehicles that fall under the automakers' certified programs; and the first used Canadian used-vehicle site to offer a link to obtain vehicle history reports from CARFAX.

The cellphone access will purportedly help your negotiating position. Davies tells me to picture myself on a used car lot, contemplating a nice shiny ride. How do I know if the price is fair? By punching the year and model of the vehicle into vehiclegateway.com, and asking it to generate an "average price" for all such vehicles currently listed there.

It's up to you then, whether you shove the cellphone screen into the seller's face, or sign the papers.

While sites like Kijiji and Craigslist also offer free listings for private sellers, Davies notes they are not geared specifically for automotive buyers, and both have their share of unscrupulous sellers.

"People are scared of buying a lemon," adds Davies. He hopes his site "will help remove some of the apprehension associated with buying used."

It will do that, according to Davies, by asking sellers to fill out a detailed vehicle questionnaire on each vehicle listed.

While sellers are still on the honour system, Davies believes it should weed out sellers who are prone to hyperbole, and allow buyers to narrow their search.

Another apprehension squasher will be the CARFAX vehicle history reports (available for an extra fee).

Like CarProof.com, it can reveal how many times the vehicle has changed hands and when, where it's been licensed, and if it has incurred any insurance claims for accident damage.

Vehiclegateway.com offers a mobile website that allows users to browse through pre-owned cars on the go.

"How do I know if the price is fair? By punching the year and model of the vehicle into vehiclegateway.com, and asking it to generate an "average price" for all such vehicles currently listed there. "

All this information technology is wonderful, but I would still caution that buyers get a trust-worthy mechanic to get all touchy-feely with any used vehicle they're ready to pounce on.

Any used vehicle will need work. The extent of work needed is what you want to establish — it's your super-human right to know.

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Former St. Clair student claims college did little to stop bullying

A former student at St. Clair College's Thames campus in Chatham has filed a human rights complaint against the college over alleged bullying. The student, who dropped out before last Christmas, says she feels the college did not do enough to stop the harassment she claims she was subjected to. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Student suing over expulsion

According to the Montreal Gazette, a Concordia University engineering student has gone to court to overturn the university's decision to expel him for allegedly forging a professor's signature to sign out a piece of equipment for a class project. The student has asked the Quebec Superior Court for a safeguard order to temporarily halt the expulsion in order for him to complete his courses and graduate. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The evolving engineer

An industry that touches all walks of life has changed a lot in recent years

Engineering **the Future**

Metro Workology is focusing on careers and education in the engineering sector for the month of March to celebrate National Engineering Month. Check back every Wednesday.

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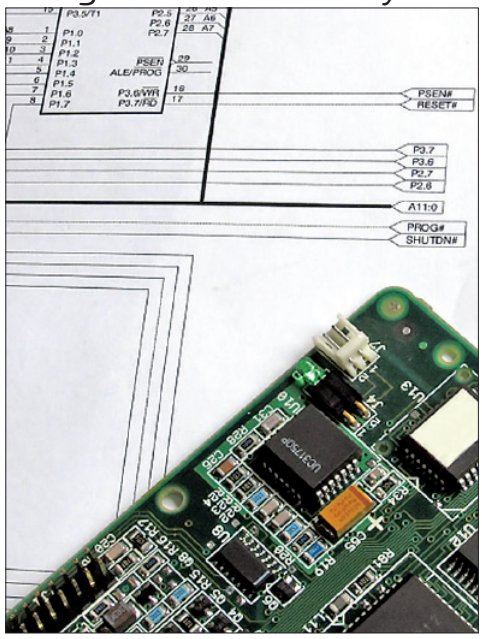

Engineering has changed a lot over the years, from the pyramids, to steam locomotive, to computer engineering.

From the pyramids of Egypt to Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the history of engineering tells the history of humanity.

Marie Carter, Engineers Canada's chief operating officer, said engineering only became a modern profession in the last century. It was born out of disaster, when a bridge built to cross the Saint Lawrence River collapsed in 1907. An engineering mistake was to blame and it cost the lives of 75 people. An incident in 1916 claimed more lives.

"The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers determined, 'We need to do something about this,'" Carter said from her Ottawa office. "'We need to have some checks and balances on who does engineering. They need to be properly trained.'"

Throughout the 1920s, engineering became increasingly regulated and the tradition of the Iron Ring was born. Originally built from the ruins of the Quebec bridge and now fashioned from stainless steel, each Canadian engineering student is presented a ring in a somber ceremony accompanying graduation.

Carter said scientific "trial and error" steadily improved the building blocks engineers use to build our world ever since.

"Just about everything that you see, do, touch, have as recreation, live with, use to eat, even the food, has got engineering involved in it," she said. "Engineers do touch just about every aspect of the way we live."

Allan Marble has seen the discipline transformed in his 50-plus years as an engineer, but it's not hard for the professor emeritus at Halifax's Dalhousie University to sum up what changed: The computer.

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> Marie Carter, of Engineers Canada

When Marble attended Dalhousie in the 1950s, it was a computer-free land. He vividly remembers the first time he saw a computer in 1962. It was primordial and clunky, but it revolutionized engineering.

In today's wired world, it seems hard to imagine slide rulers doing the job of computers, and that's because they didn't.

"It's an amazing change, really," Marble said over the phone from his Halifax home, adding that it's especially transformed electrical engineering.

"You're trying to analyze signals coming from various sources," he explains. "To do that before the computer, you had to do it by hand."

Now, a computer can work in real time at speeds well beyond human ability.

Computers made it possible for engineers to develop life-saving CT scanners and MRIs. "The amount of calculations done to get a CT image or an MRI image is just mind-boggling. Those things could never be done before the computer," he said.

For more of the Engineering the Future exclusive series check Workology every Wednesday or stop by: **metronews.ca/work**

Workology in **brief**

RESEARCHER BARRED FROM NSERC GRANTS OVER ALLEGED MISUSE CanWest News Service reports that the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada has barred a University of Calgary engineer from funding indefinitely due to allegations of plagiarism and misuse of funds while working at the University of Alberta. While NSERC will not name the accused scientist, CanWest News Service identifies him as Daniel Kwok, who, according to federal government documents obtained through an access-to-information request, spent as much as $150,000 on purchases that seemed "inconsistent" with his research grant proposals during his posting at uAlberta. In 2005, Kwok left Edmonton amid misconduct investigations for a new job at uCalgary, which was not told of the controversy at his previous posting.

TRIMESTER AT UALBERTA? In an article published in Monday's Edmonton Journal, a pair of retired University of Alberta business professors propose the institution reorganize its teaching and related activities from a two-semester to a trimester, with the academic year organized into three equal, 13-week periods. Ross Denham and Allan Warrack cite facilities utilization, accessibility, quality of education, and research productivity as reasons underlying the case for a trimester.

INDIA TABLES BILL ON FOREIGN UNIVERSITY OPERATION The Indian government has approved a plan allowing foreign universities to establish campuses and offer degrees in the country. India's education minister calls the legislation "a milestone which will enhance choices, and increase competition and benchmark quality." The bill, which needs to be ratified by parliament, has been opposed by some political parties who believe it will benefit only elite Indians with poorer students unable to afford high fees. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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VIU to cut jobs to balance budget
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The Dragons return to their lair

Season finale of the Den takes an intimate look at where the dragons came from

Dragons' Den

Dianne Buckner

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The Dragons have changed the lives of many people throughout this season of Dragons's Den, here's a look into the past of each of the dragons: From left: Kevin O'Leary in his youth, Jim Treliving in his RCMP uniform, Arlene Dickinson with her daughter Carley, W. Brett Wilson at his high school graduation and Robert Herjavec visits his hometown in Croatia.

What does it take to climb the corporate ladder right to the top? Wouldn't you love to know how to make the move from working stiff, to fabulously wealthy mogul?

That is the subject of The Road to Riches, the season finale of Dragons' Den tonight. The program tells the life stories of all five Dragons, none of whom were born into money, but who all found a way to parlay their abilities into huge business success.

There are a lot of revelations in the show: Who knew Kevin O'Leary looked like such a bad boy teenager, with long hair and a haze of smoke around him in every shot! Brett Wilson is unbelievably open, sharing deeply personal stories. There's an emotional scene where it's clear Robert Herjavec's heart is still aching over his mother's death.

We also get to visit with Arlene Dickinson and her four children at her sunny, southern getaway, and meet the partner who helped Jim Treliving along his journey from RCMP officer to savvy businessman.

"I'm no more special, I'm no better. I started out where we can all start. And if I was able to do it in a great country like Canada, then anyone can." Robert Herjavec

What struck me most though is how hard every one of them worked. Consider Jim's experience at his first Boston Pizza franchise.

"I cooked, I did the prep in the morning, did all the stuff to get ready for opening," he says. "And then I cut pizza. After we closed at three in the morning I'd scrub the floor." He says he didn't have a day off for two-and-a-half years!

No wonder he enjoys his condo in Vancouver so much, along with the many trips he takes by private jet, to events like the Masters Tournament!

Robert too, was a hard worker, first as a waiter and then later as a highly ambitious salesman. "People always tell you it's about who you know, it's about your connections," he says. "And granted, if you have that, it's easier. But it's also a load of crap. All it means is that you just gotta work harder."

Herjavec encourages everyone to try. "I'm no more special, I'm no better. I started out where we can all start. And if I was able to do it in a great country like Canada, then anyone can."

But there's more to it all than money, of course. Brett shares what he told his son. "I really want you to think about success as happiness. And if your needs are many, you may never be happy. But if your needs are few and easily met, you might always be happy."

Dianne Buckner is the weekend anchor on CBC News Network and host of Dragons' Den. The season finale airs tonight at 8 p.m. on CBC Television. Auditions for next season are underway. Check cbc.ca/dragonsden for details.

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Interest in offering three-year degrees surges in U.S.
More American institutions are introducing three-year bachelor's degrees in order to reduce college costs and better serve students, reports Inside Higher Ed. Within the last month, five institutions — two in partnership — have all introduced formal three-year programs to begin this fall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Adding women to 'man'agement

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Women have overtaken men in top management positions in the U.S. workforce, a recent study has found.

Kim Keister, executive editor of AARP Bulletin, had his curiosity piqued when he read media reports that women had overtaken men in the workforce as a whole. He investigated and found that wasn't true — but in the process uncovered the fact that women workers now hold 51 per cent of all professional and management occupations.

"The fact that there are more women in management positions than men is a recent phenomenon," he said. Educational trends suggest that number at the top will grow as younger women progress through their careers. Women earn 60 per cent of masters degrees, 58 per cent of all post-secondary degrees, half of the medical degrees and 48 per cent of legal degrees, he says.

An AARP Bulletin study found women hold 51 per cent of all professional and management occupations.

While there are women at the pinnacle of power, with Oracle president Safra Catz topping the list with a salary of $42.5 million in 2008, that may not be representative, Keister warned. "I really doubt that women are very well represented at the highest levels of business, but that's just my instinct."

Despite the changes at the top of the workforce, his research found women still earn $0.80 for every $1 men take home. He said the gap shows "progress, but there's a long way to go."

Another encouraging trend the AARP article pointed to was that while 10 per cent of women aged over 50 hold management positions, so do eight per cent of women under 50, indicating younger women workers are climbing the corporate ladder quicker.

"I think that's encouraging because (50+) women in the workforce have had a lot of time to rise to management positions. Under fifty, not so much, yet there's not much disparity," he said.

The high levels of university participation among women raises the question of why that doesn't directly translate to even higher levels of management jobs, but it may be because women tend to delay or pause their careers to raise children more often than men. "We have better-educated mothers to raise better-educated children," Keister said.

He compared the findings to a 1900 census that found just 20.6 per cent of women "engaged in gainful occupations."

"We've come a long way from the 1900s," he said.

Facts on women

- Fortune 500 companies headed by a woman: 15;
- Women-owned businesses in the U.S.: 10.1 Millio;
- Working women age 50+ in professional, management or business occupations: 42 per cent;
- Women who are household's primary breadwinner: 40 per cent;
- Women who made minimum wage or less, 2008: 1.5 million.

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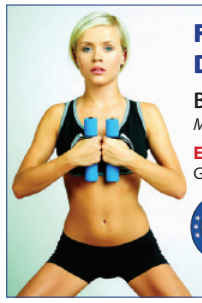

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CHINA PLANS UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS REFORM The immense pressure on students to pass a two-day national exam on which scores are the sole basis for university entrance has prompted China's education ministry to revise its university admissions system. The director of the ministry's policy and regulation department says planned reforms should ease the stress as test results join student interviews and evaluation of a student's high school performance as part of university admissions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hemingway home designated landmark
Ernest Hemingway's Key West, Fla., home, where the American author lived in the 1930s, has been designated a literary landmark. It become a museum honouring the Pulitzer and Nobel prize-winning author in 1964. hemingwayhome.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Heading to the World Cup?

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Victoria Falls takes you to the edge

Flying over Africa in a flimsy microlight plane will thrill even the hardened adrenalin junkie

NICK BOULOS
Metro World News

There are many ways to experience Africa's mighty Victoria Falls, which sit between Zimbabwe and Zambia but a microlight flight is undoubtedly the most thrilling.

As a result these flimsy aircraft circle the falls like vultures over a kill.

The jubilant faces returning from the air did nothing to calm my nerves as I climbed into the muddle of wing and wire and pulled my seatbelt tightly. It was, after all, the only thing stopping me from plummeting 1,000 feet.

There's no hiding from the elements in a microlight. With no doors, windows or even a windscreen and only a handrail to grip, it's just you, the wind and the scenery.

The bright blue hang gliding wings reached out above me while the small engine behind me hummed away.

"Ready?" asked my pilot Pascal as he turned around to face me.

As I considered my response, the wheels started rolling.

The microlight rumbled down the short muddy runway and we were airborne.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Africa's Victoria Falls sport a 103 m drop off.

Heart racing, I stole an immediate glance beyond where my feet now dangled freely. Huge clusters of acacia trees blurred into the forest green landscape and a lone giraffe grazed as we circled to gain altitude.

Soon we were hundreds of feet over the murky Zambezi River as it flowed towards the waterfalls where a million litres of water plunge over the 103 metre drop every second spewing spray high into the air.

The 1.7 kilometre wide falls — known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (The Smoke That Thunders) — were discovered in 1855 by Scottish explorer David Livingstone, who named them after the reigning British monarch.

Now at our maximum altitude Pascal banked the microlight sharply for one more loop. We glided straight into the plume of spray directly above the falls. Greyness closed in at every angle and fine droplets settled on my visor.

The ride was over before it began. Pascal landed the microlight with a bump and tug of the handlebar.

Microlight flights over the falls are available for $150.

A smile spread across my face as we rolled down runway as the next passenger waited nervously.

Adrenalin junkie?

Our pick of the best white knuckle activities at Victoria Falls....

1 A white water ride: Whether it's one or several days spent tackling the terrifying Grade 5+ rapids of the Zambezi, one of the world's most challenging white water rivers, this will easily satisfy a thirst for adventure. Trips are sometimes suspended between March and May when water levels are too high. Hold on tight.

2 3, 2, 1 ... Bungee!: Plummet towards the Zambezi by throwing yourself off the 111 metre high Victoria Falls Bridge, which was built in 1905 and links Zambia to Zimbabwe. Choose between a solo jump, tandem bungee or the Bridge Swing or do all three for the knockdown price of $50.

3 Take a dip: Enjoy the most memorable swim of your life at the very edge of the falls. Visit Livingstone Island between September and December and the low water level make it possible to splash around in Devil's Pool, just inches from the perilous drop. Vertigo sufferers need not apply.

*To enter or read contest rules, visit transatholidays.com/contests/cuba. The contest is open to all Canadian residents who have reached the age of majority in their province or territory of residence by the contest opening date. The contest runs from March 17 to April 13, 2010. The draw will take place on April 20, 2010.

Famed theatre completes renovation

The Dock Street Theatre in Charleston's historic district, on the site of America's first theatre, is reopening after a three-year, $18-million renovation. The theatre is known to audiences regionally and around the world for the productions staged there by the Spoleto Festival USA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Traditional demonstrations can be found across the city.

600-years of heart and Seoul

Korean capital sports world-class collection of historical landmarks

SEON-MI CHO
Metro World News

Seoul is a city of infinite discovery. Visitors who come to Seoul for the first time are surprised to find a thriving metropolis.

The city was devastated during the Korean War but has succeeded in rising from the rubble as one of the fastest growing cities in the world. It is blazing a trail as the cultural, business, and transportation hub of Northeast Asia.

Seoul has been the capital of Korea for 600 years and is full of reminders of a long and glorious past, from the imposing royal palaces in the downtown area, to the world-class collection of the National Museum of Korea in Yongsan. The city's long history has handed down a wealth of precious cultural remnants from palaces, fortresses, neo-modern temples to timeless patches of ancient architecture.

People who love the great outdoors will love the city's natural surroundings, with towering granite peaks, and forested hillsides dotted with peaceful temples and shrines. Those who go sightseeing can stroll among the city's ancient palace grounds and take in Seoul's spectacular nigh-time scenery.

IT'S MY FIRST TIME

Deoksugung

Deoksugung became a main palace for King Gojong of the Joseon Kingdom from 1897 to 1910. History is written into every bit of the palace walls. Junghwajeon, or the main throne hall, was the site of official courtesy calls by foreign envoys and was built in 1902. If you look inside the hall, you will see a dragon-embellished throne and a traditional folding screen featuring five mountains, the sun, and the moon, all of which are emblems of Korean royalty.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Neo-modern and traditional temples dot the Seoul horizon.

Local customs

- Bargaining: In the traditional markets, bargaining is frequently possible.
- Side Dish: In restaurants, most of the side dishes such as Kimchi are provided for free.
- Taking off shoes: Korean people take off their shoes while in a house. To not do so is a considerable sign of disrespect.

I'VE BEEN BEFORE

National Museum of Contemporary Art

Located in the midst of natural surroundings and man-made buildings, while preserving the Korean elements of architectural space, the Museum of Contemporary Art expresses traditional and modern Korean culture in one key location. This outstanding institution of culture is also within reach of the Seoul Grand Park at Gwacheon, and is endowed with a total floor space of 12,000 square metres and is adjacent to an open-air sculpture garden and a concert stage, all of which enhance the ease of movement among the facilities.

WHERE TO SHOP

You could spend weeks at the city's fascinating traditional markets and the upscale shops of Myeongdong and Gangnam. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of Korean food. Korean cuisine has something for everyone. Meat lovers will love dishes like galbi and bulgogi, and vegetarians will love favorites like bibimbap as well as Korea's famous rich noodle dishes.

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Real American hero

Ryan Phillippe is in talks to play Captain America. The star confirmed he is to audition for the lead role in forthcoming superhero movie The First Avenger: Captain America and is hoping to land the role of the crime fighter and his alter ego Steve Rogers. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Star Search

Paula Abdul was once the queen of American Idol. Soon, she may be the competition. Abdul is finalizing a deal to help ABC launch a new version of Star Search, the classic TV talent contest. PEOPLE.COM

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Mourners remember teen star Corey Haim

Grim-faced relatives, friends and fans of Corey Haim gathered at a north Toronto funeral home yesterday to remember the fallen teen icon.

Mourners arrive in Toronto for the funeral of Corey Haim.

The former heartthrob, best known for starring in a string of '80s films including Lucas, The Lost Boys and License to Drive, was honoured in a private ceremony in his hometown.

Haim's family asked for privacy while they gathered in the wake of his sudden death last week in Burbank, Calif., but that didn't stop more than a dozen reporters and fans from gathering in front of the chapel.

"Some people might say it's a little silly, you didn't know the person. It doesn't matter. You watch the person's movies ... and it becomes a part of your life. To me, it's kind of like a part of my childhood died," said Dan Pigeau, 31.

The baby-faced actor died in hospital with an enlarged heart, pulmonary congestion and water in his lungs. He was 38.

Friend Heather Leikan, 31, a former neighbour who met Haim in 2001, said his mother Judy has been a "pillar" of strength.

Leikan remembered Haim as a friendly soul who was generous with his friends. "He made nothing secret but he also didn't have anything to apologize for," Leikan said as she walked into the funeral home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Run for the money

Aniston and Butler hook up in The Bounty Hunter

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

In The Bounty Hunter, Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler work on the borders of their comfort zones. Butler is the titular character, a former cop so down on his luck he takes a gig tracking down his ex-wife (and alleged real-life girlfriend) Aniston, for a payday of $5,000.

"I felt this was a different role for her," says Butler of his co-star. "She is the Queen of Comedy and done a lot of romantic comedies, but this doesn't feel like a romantic comedy. It feels like an action driven comedy. She was playing a much bitchier, hard edged character than I think anyone has ever seen her do before and for me that is exciting."

Gerard Butler and Jennifer Aniston in a scene from The Bounty Hunter.

Aniston, best known as Rachel from Friends, or Brad Pitt's ex wife, depending on your appetite for the tabloids, says she was attracted to the role because "it wasn't your traditional run of the mill girl meets guy, guy meets girl."

The Bounty Hunter opens this Friday

"It is an action comedy and a road movie with a little romance in there and a little suspense," she said recently in a sit-down with Metro in New York City.

She was, however, taken by surprise by the physical demands of the production. Doing stunts in four inch heels isn't as easy as it looks.

"Your adrenaline is going and you're not really feeling it at the moment and then I'd get home and notice a bruise here and a callous here," said Aniston, who adds she would consider other action roles in future. "Then there were the handcuffs. Try wearing those, attached to a car door for three days. Not fun."

For Butler, a Scottish heartthrob best known for his sculpted abs and roles in violent films like 300, the challenge wasn't the physical side, but breaking the action star stereotype.

"My break in America was Attila the Hun, which went into Time Line, Tomb Raider, Reign of Fire and at that point I loved doing that, but it's not like when you are still making your way in the business that people go, 'Tomb Raider, Oh my God, the guy should be in a comedy.' I was waiting for the right opportunity. I thought I don't want to dive in with something crappy. I wanted to wait until I'm lucky enough to get the right script that felt right."

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Record-breaking deal

Jackson's $200 million recording contract

The estate of Michael Jackson has landed the late King of Pop the biggest recording deal in history: a $200 million guaranteed contract with Sony Music Entertainment for 10 projects over seven years, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The record-breaking contract through 2017 could be worth up to $250 million if certain conditions are met. One of the albums will be of never-before-released Jackson recordings that will come out in November, the person said.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the official announcement is expected Tuesday.

Future projects may also include a DVD compilation of videos and a re-release of Off the Wall, Jackson's fifth studio album, which first came out in 1979, accompanied by some unreleased material. Before his sudden death in June at age 50, the pop star had wanted to re-issue the album, people familiar with the deal said.

One of the projects already counted in the contract was the two-disc album that accompanied This Is It, the film based on footage of concert rehearsals for what was to have been Jackson's comeback at London's O2 arena.

Including the more than five million copies of that special release, Jackson has sold some 31 million albums since his death in June, about two-thirds of them outside the United States.

"During his life, Michael's contracts set the standard for the industry," said John Branca, the co-administrator of the Jackson estate, in a statement prepared for release Tuesday. "By all objective criteria, this agreement with Sony Music demonstrates the lasting power of Michael's music by exceeding all previous industry benchmarks."

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John Branca, co-administrator of Jackson estate

Michael Jackson, right.

Rob Stringer, chairman of Sony Music's Columbia Epic Label Group, said in prepared remarks, "We're dedicated to protecting this icon's legacy and we're thrilled that we can continue to bring his music to the world for the foreseeable future."

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Winfrey to defend defamation

Oprah Winfrey

LEGAL A federal judge says Oprah Winfrey must defend a defamation suit filed by the former headmistress of her girls' school in South Africa.

The case is now set for trial March 29 in Philadelphia.

Judge Eduardo Robreno refused to dismiss the suit in a decision Monday.

He says former headmistress Nomvuyo Mzamane has enough evidence to pursue claims Winfrey defamed her. Winfrey made the remarks in 2007 after sex-abuse complaints surfaced at her school for poor girls near Johannesburg.

A dorm matron who worked under Mzamane was charged with abusing students.

Winfrey's lawyer, William Hangley, declined comment Tuesday on the decision.

Mzamane's lawyer did not immediately return a call for comment.

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Banished to the TV room

Kate Gosselin's big Dancing with the Stars debut is sure to draw a whole lot of eyes, but unfortunately for Jon, he'll have to watch her from home. Kate has essentially banned Jon from attending any tapings, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

A real American hero?

WOULD YOU TRUST THIS MAN WITH KEYS TO AN ARMOURY? Spencer Pratt announced this week he's fleeing The Hills for a job at American Defense Enterprises, a self-defense company that offers "world-class training in the entire spectrum of small arms weaponry."

The reality star told People he discovered a new passion in life, working for the Los Angeles-based company in their cyber security division.

To those thinking this was another one of Pratt's media "gotchas," well, you'd be wrong.

PopEater spoke with Pratt's new boss, A.D.E. head Bill Beasley, who insists the 26-year-old star is sincere and determined to "help do something good for a change."

Contrary to reports, the Hills star is not leaving his hit MTV show, a source tells us-magazine.com.

"All of that stuff about him leaving The Hills to fight cyber crime is not true," the insider insists.

The real story?

"He is leaving The Hills for six weeks because he was asked to."

The source explains that Pratt, 26, recently "flipped out" on the show's set after a female producer made a request to which he objected.

"Very rattled" by Pratt's outburst, the producer filed a complaint with the show's top producers — who then threatened to kick Pratt off the show.

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She doesn't take any flack

THE GIRL'S GOT GRIT Poison singer Bret Michaels — who has collaborated with the Miley Cyrus on their new single Nothing to Lose — is in awe of the 17-year-old singer-and-actress because she stands up for what she believes in.

He said: "Does she stir s— up? No. What I think that she does is she doesn't take any s—. I love that about her. I've seen it.

"I've seen people come at her, come at me, and we're both the same. I set them straight," he said. "A lot of times when you live in that Hollywood limelight, speaking your piece or doing your thing is organic and more controversial than people trying to be controversial."

Discussing whether or not Cyrus likes to create scandals, he added to America's OK! magazine: "I think the exact opposite … I think she's got a strong backbone."

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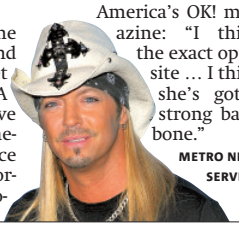

The future looks bright

ARE THEY OUT OF THE WOODS? Tiger Woods was spotted with his wife Elin for the first time since his sex scandal broke last November, usmagazine.com reports.

The two were spotted taking a stroll around their Isleworth gated community in Windermere, Fla., Saturday morning.

Walking several feet behind her husband, Elin, 30, wore a Nike bandana. (Interestingly, Nike is the one major sponsor that hasn't dropped Woods.)

In his hyped-up public apology on Feb. 19, Woods refused to reveal whether he and his wife were splitting.

He also denied rumours that she assaulted him when she learned of his affair with Rachel Uchitel.

He praised his wife's "enormous grace and poise" and said that he and Elin have "started the process of discussing the damage caused by my behaviour … My real apology will not come in the form of words, but my behaviour over time.

"We have a lot to discuss. What we say to each other will remain between the two of us."

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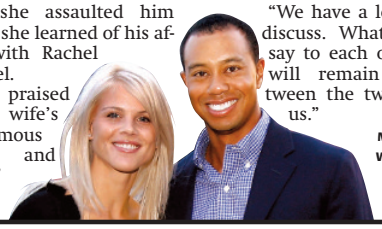

They just want her healthy

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SALES There has been a big debate about whether Gabourey Sidibe's weight will hamper her future career, despite her recent Oscar nomination, popeater.com reports.

Now, one weight loss company has written a letter to the Precious star, telling her she needs to worry about her health — not her image, TMZ reports.

AssaiSupply.com has offered the actress a one-year's supply of their product to help her lose weight.

AssaiSupply's publicist Kevin Blatt tells PopEater, "We have seen a large increase in sales today, but we have not yet heard from Ms. Sidibie. We are really hoping to. We want to help her maintain a healthy lifestyle.

"She has amazing potential, Oprah believes in her, and she could someday be on that stage accepting an Oscar. We can only put it out there for her, we hope she takes us up on our offer."

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The bomb has been diffused

AND FOR ONCE SHE'S NOT TALKING ABOUT HER BODILY FUNCTIONS Continuing to hit back at former boyfriend John Mayer for revealing details about their sex life, Jessica Simpson says gossiping isn't the only dumb thing she's seen Mayer do, people.com reports.

"I thought he was stupid for breaking up with me," Simpson, 29, said on ABC's The View earlier this week.

Asked if she's spoken to Mayer, 32, since he likened her to "sexual napalm in a Playboy interview," Simpson said she hadn't, and then added with a laugh: "And he'll never have this napalm again."

The singer and actress, whose new show The Price of Beauty premiered Monday night on VH1, says she's still feeling the effects of Mayer's comments.

"I'll walk into a restaurant or something, and I notice that more men are looking at me, but I feel like they're undressing me," she says.

"So, it's a little bit embarrassing."

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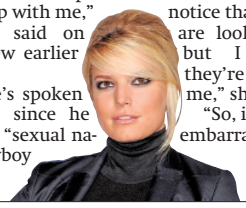

Wanted baby's name to flow

HOW ABOUT CREEK, OR WATERFALL, OR LAGOON? Giselle Bundchen admits she felt like an alien the first time she went to work after her recent pregnancy.

"I got to the studio and I felt like I was E.T. — whoa, what's going on? Hair and makeup? I hadn't looked at myself in a mirror for a month-and-a-half," she tells Vogue.

The supermodel, who says she gave birth to son Benjamin last December, originally wanted to name the baby River.

"I wanted something always flowing, immortal," she says. "My husband said, 'There's no way we're going to call him River.'"

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JORDIN SPARKS doesn't feel very safe, **DANNY DEVITO** is having a rough morning, **JOHN MAYER** is planning for the future, and **NICK CANNON** doesn't appreciate comparisons.

@TheRealJordin This fool driving me to the airport is texting and driving. So NOT okay.

@Danny_DeVito 7:14 stretching. Meditation. Fall off the side of the bed. Crack head on side table. Try to go to the doctor with ice bag disguised as straw hat

@johncmayer If I wanted to make a big impression my first day in prison, I'd walk up and punch the smallest, oldest dude in the face.

@Nick Cannon TMZ put me on Who would you rather with the little dude from Sum41... I don't know how I feel about that LOL

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Drew 'basset hound' Barrymore

KINDA HAS A NICE RING TO IT Drew Barrymore insists she has no interest in plastic surgery.

"I'm so curious as to what's going to happen naturally that I can't imagine wanting to alter things just yet," the 35-year-old actress tells the Daily Mail.

"And to all those women putting botulism in their faces — we don't know what the long-term effects are, so stop! I'd rather look like a basset hound than do that to my face."

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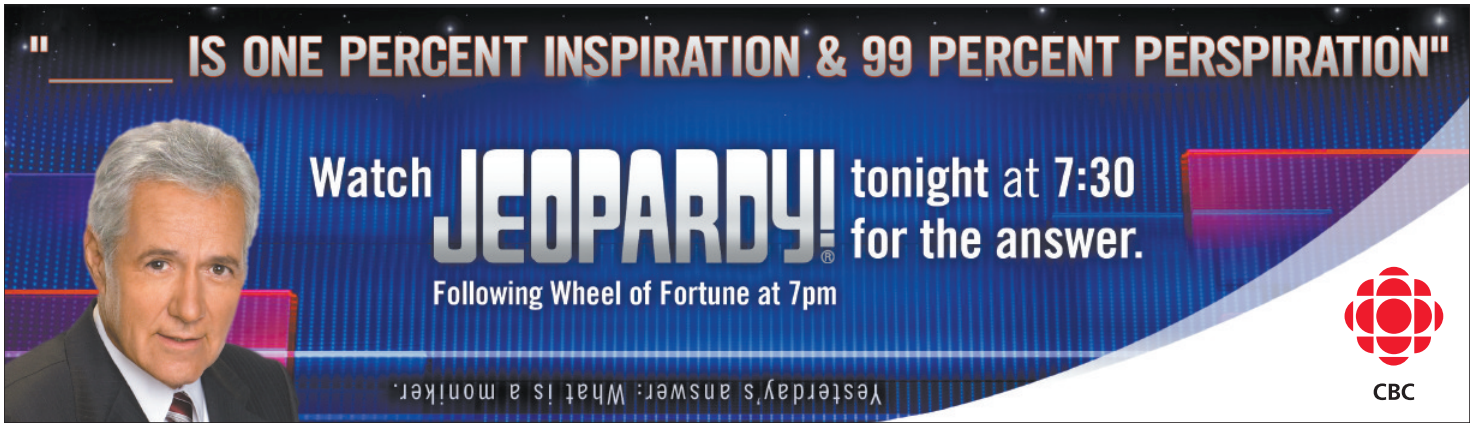

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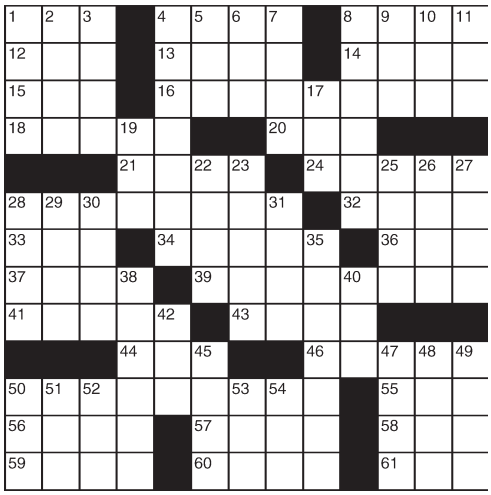

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken with 40 Cloves of Garlic

INGREDIENTS:

2 tsp olive oil
1 lb small white boiling potatoes
3 celery stalks, thickly sliced
2 carrots, halved lengthwise and cut into 1 1/2-in. pieces
40 garlic cloves, unpeeled
3/4 tsp tarragon
1/2 tsp rosemary, minced
3/4 tsp salt
1 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup dry vermouth
4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
1/4 cup chopped parsley

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Combine oil, potatoes, celery, carrots, garlic, tarragon, rosemary and salt in Dutch oven or flameproof casserole. Toss to combine.

2. Add broth and vermouth to pan and bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce to simmer, cover and cook 10 minutes.

3. Add chicken, cover and place in oven. Bake until chicken is cooked through and potatoes and garlic are tender, 30 minutes. Stir in parsley just before serving

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Stick to what you know and trust. Changing fashions can be seductive but just because there is a new way of doing things does not mean it will be better.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
There are some things you must never reveal about yourself, no matter how tempted you may be to come clean and hope that others understand.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There is a magnetic quality to your personality that will attract good things to you today — along with one or two bad things as well.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
As a cardinal sign you are rarely happy with a mid-level position. You were born for life at the top and you won't rest until you are Number One.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may have tried something and failed a dozen times before but this time you are going to get it right. This time you can't lose.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The best way to deal with a difficult situation is to pretend it does not exist. This is one of those times when, by focusing on something, you give it power.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you feel trapped by a relationship, try mentioning that you need more time to yourself. If you say it the right way chances are they will understand.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Let others lead the way and make suggestions, but don't let them use you as a guinea pig. If there is something risky they want to try let them go first.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You should be feeling both more relaxed and more affectionate now. If not, don't worry, because the good times will begin soon.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Sometimes you can be too suspicious, so give friends and relatives the benefit of the doubt today. It's nicer for them and nicer for you.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The more friends and work colleagues try to press you to follow a certain path the more you will enjoy following a different path entirely.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There is no point being too serious today. With the Sun in your sign forming a major union with Uranus, you really have nothing to worry about.

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